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VA to hold outreach event at North Platte American Legion Outreach initiative provides info, VA counseling to rural-area Vets

OMAHA, Neb. — An outreach initiative to provide rural-area Veterans information and counseling about Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and services takes place June 17 and June 18 at American Legion Post 163, 2020 E. 4th Street, North Platte, Neb.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is partnering with the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran service agencies, county Veteran service officers and military transition assistance advisors to bring information and services at a Veterans of the Armed Forces Open House.

Veterans and their family members with questions about benefits are encouraged to visit the open house between noon to 7 p.m. June 17 or from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 18.

Representatives from the following agencies will be available to provide veterans assistance and information: VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System, Veterans Benefit Administration Regional Office, Vet Centers, Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Nebraska National Guard Transition Assistance Advisor. Community agencies that provide Veteran services will also be available.

Veterans who are not currently enrolled for VA benefits are encouraged to bring their DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," to the open house to assist the agency counselors assess individual eligibility for VA benefits. VA counselors will assist veterans to complete eligibility and enrollment applications.

The goal is to increase awareness about VA and other benefits and services available to Veterans, and to assist with applying for these benefits.

For additional information about the event, contact Cindy Niemack-Brown at (308) 382-3660, extension 92287; or Paul Cooper at (308) 534-4350.

The open house is targeted toward veterans who live in the following counties: Arthur, Chase, Custer, Dawson, Frontier, Gosper, Hayes, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, and Thomas.

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